THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Government of India have at present cultural exchange programmes with 49 countries viz., Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentine, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, lordan, Italy, Kenya, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Korea (South), Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Maldives, Norway, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Qatar. Romania, Senegal, Syria, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, USSR, Uganda, Vietnam, Yemen >lic), Yemen Arab Republic and Yugoslavia. Presently, no art objects are on display under cul-programmi object s which are presently on display have been sent abroad under protocols signed separately by the organisation concerned directly with the foreign country in question.

Purchase of Antique Items by National Museum

SHRI SHARAD YADAV: ' SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOUR CES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that the National Museum had acquired certain art objects, such as Tibetan tankha' silver merm: bronze statue of 'Jain Yakshi', 'Lakshmi Narasimha', a South Indian 'Cliarku' etc. which are. tandard, not antique items;

(b) if so, what is the value of each of the items stating the objects purchased during the last three years (yearwise) and the reasons for purchasing those 'objects which are not antique;

(c) what are the norms if any, laid down for the purchase of antique objects for the National Museum and the manner in which ioch articles are selected and purchased; and

(d) whether Government propose to k3ve a thorough examination of the entire procedure followed in acquiring object for the National Museum to remove the loop-holes, if any, and if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

(c) and (d) The purchase of Art Objects by the National Museum is done through an Art Purchase Committee comprising experts in various fields of art and antiquities. The function of the Committee is reviewed periodically with a view to strengthening its functioning. For instance, three sub-Committees have been constituted to assist the main Art Purchase Committee in acquiring art objects falling in the fields of paintings, terracottas and jewellery. Similarly, the National Museum has also devised a procedure under which the seller of an art object has to give a written undertaking that if the work of art is not found genuine and, in case of jewellery, if it is proved that Museum has been over-charged, the item shall be re-turned within a period of three years and the entire amount shall be recovered.

Monthly wage and ad-hoc Doctors in CGHS and ESI

1259. DR. H. P. SHARMA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 327 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have considered the question of bringing the CGHS monthly wage doctors at par with the ad-hoc doctors under the ESI in view of the fact that both the categories were initially appointed under similar terms and conditions; if so, what decision has been taken in the matter; and

(b) what is Government's reaction on the decision of the tribunal on the basis

of which the ESI ad-hoc doctors have been given a higher starting pay scale without any break in service after 90 days and without. any connected benefits like leave and annual increments; if so, what are the reasons for delay in equating both the categories of doctors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Medical Officers of CHS and ESIC are not on the same footing. While the service conditions of CHS doctors are governed by Central Health Service Rules the Servite conditions of ESI doctors are governed by regulations framed under E. S. I. Act.

STD control under National Health (Programme

1260. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Starred Question 289 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that control of STD is one of the programme-! -under National Health Programme;

• (b) if so, whether Government recommended Erythromycin, Tetracycline, " all anti-histamic and all sulpha drugs required for control of STD diseases for inclusion under category I of price control order; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Sexually Transmitted Disease was covered under the National Health Programme till the close of the Fifth Five Year Plan. However, from the Sixth Five Year Plan onwards, the STD Control Programme was transferred to the State Governments as a part of health care measures. A revised Central Plan for STD Control Programme has been initiated during the Sixth Five Year Plan for teaching, training and research etc. in the field of STD.

(b) and (c) The criterion for inclusion of drugs in the Category I of the Drugs Control Price Order is that, only those which used in the National Health Programmes are covered under this category. The drugs Erythromycin, Tetracycline antihistamic and all sulpha drugs do i not satisfy this criterion.

उर्दू भाषी जिले

1261. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन जिलों के नाम क्या हैं जहां उर्दू एक क्षेत्रीय भाषा है तथा उर्दू भाषी जिलों के नाम क्या हैं; और

(ख) क्या उर्दू-भाषी क्षेत्रों में राष्ट्रीय भाषा हिन्दी का अध्ययन और पठन अनिवार्य नहीं है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) और (ख) उर्दू भाषी जिलों के संबंध में सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी

Financial crisis in Asiatic Society

1262. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased, to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Asiatic Society, a premier institution of research and studies in the country, is facing acute financial crisis following non-reimbursement of funds by the Central Government;

(b) if so, what are the funds sanctioned and released so far by the Central Govern-ment to this institution during the current financial. year;

(c) the reasons for delay in releasing (he funds in full; and